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Dear Sir/Madam

ABSA GROUP LIMITED: SENS ANNOUNCEMENT

Attached please find a copy of an announcement in respect of Absa Bank's intention to sell certain non-banking assets used in Absa Internet Access Business as published on the Johannesburg Securities Exchange's News Service (SENS) on Friday, 5 October 2007.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at the above address or telephone number.

Yours faithfully

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ABSP AMAGB**ABSP / ASA - Absa / Absa Bank -****Announcement Of Absa Bank's Intention To Sell**

Certain Non-Banking Assets Used In Its Absa Internet Access Business

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(Registration number: 1986/004794/06)

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(Absa)

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(Registration number: 1986/003934/06)

ISIN: ZAE000067237

JSE share code: ASA

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(Absa Bank)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ABSA BANK'S INTENTION TO SELL CERTAIN NON-

BANKING ASSETS USED IN ITS ABSA INTERNET ACCESS BUSINESS

Absa Bank has expressed its intention to sell (the Proposed Transaction) certain non-banking assets in its business conducted under the trading name Absa Internet Access (AIA) to Vox Telecom Limited (Vox), through its wholly owned subsidiary, Atlantic Internet Services (Proprietary) Limited.

The Proposed Transaction is subject to the fulfillment of certain conditions precedent by the closing date, being the later of 1 December 2007, or 2 days after all the conditions precedent have been fulfilled.

The Proposed Transaction includes the transfer of the AIA customer contracts.

In terms of the Proposed Transaction, Absa Bank will facilitate a smooth migration handover process. The facilitation and support will include the AIA call centre support services whereby Vox and Absa Bank will collectively ensure that the necessary service and support requirements of the AIA customer base are maintained.

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